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## *Holidays at the Library*

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### *A word from our president*

What a great start to our new year for Friends of the Rockwall County Library!!! Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents of Programs, Gloria Bishop and Erin Kincaid are taking us around the world this year. We started off our September program meeting with the USA learning about our local non-profit organization Patriot Paws. We enjoyed seeing how the well-trained dogs serve our veterans. At the October program meeting we learned about two young girls, water and the power of paper. The Paper for Water non-profit organization is raising money for water supply in Asia, Middle East, and Africa. We had a very successful National Friends of the Library Week October 21-27<sup>th</sup> thanks to Holly Mapel, Pat Calhoun, and many other volunteers. Information was handed out that week in the front lobby of the library. Holly also received donations and raised public awareness for Friends by face painting at the Pumpkin Patch. On November 13<sup>th</sup> we had our yearly Fashion Show featuring clothing by Chico's. This sold-out event was a great success. December 11<sup>th</sup> was our annual Christmas Luncheon where everyone was excited to see the fabulous table décor. We enjoyed hearing festive Christmas songs from the Rockwall High School A Cappella Group, Walk the Line. Mark your calendar for Painting with a Twist January 15<sup>th</sup> and MadHatters Tea on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to continuing to educate the public about Friends of the Library this year. It is truly an honor to serve as your President for an organization that serves the community of Rockwall.

## ***2019-2020 Friends Slate of Officers***

The Nominating Committee submitted a proposed slate of officers to the FOL Board at the December 7th, Board Meeting. The following slate was submitted to serve with President Nancy Barnett in 2019 – 2020:

- President Elect: Madelyn Hill
- Past President: Lynette Coughlin
- 1st Vice-President - Programs: Jane Buie and Becky Cecil
- 2nd Vice-President - Fundraising: Milly Cundy and Edie Zehr
- 3rd Vice-Presidents - Membership: Pat Calhoun and Holly Mapel
- 4th Vice-President - Business membership: Kathy Melston
- 5th Vice President - Communication: Stephanie Milberger
- Secretary: Lea Carlson and Judy Buffington
- Treasurer: Karen Frederick

The slate was approved by the Board, as submitted. Candidates will be introduced and voting will be held during the February 12, 2019, business meeting and luncheon. At that time, the meeting will also be open to nominations from the floor.

Members of the Nominating Committee: Nancy Barnett – Chair  
Becky Achenbach, Jane Buie, Pat Calhoun, Carolyn Duckworth

## ***16th Annual Christmas Luncheon was a HUGE success!***

### ***The most anticipated Friends event once again delivers awe-inspiring tables***

The Christmas Luncheon continues to be a popular and profitable event for Friends of the Library. A capacity crowd filled the Lone Star Room at The Center on December 11<sup>th</sup> to admire the 30 holiday tables designed by creative hostesses. Co-chairs Nell Welborn, Pat Calhoun and Kathleen Broze, the table hostesses, and a 15-member committee worked to carry out detailed plans for the luncheon.

Committee members were Gloria Bishop, Jane Buie, Becky Cecil, Carolyn Duckworth, Susan Egan, Mindy Lovell, Karen Mahoney, Margaret O'Connor, Jan Self, Karen Frederick, Gwen Blacketer, Fran Laman, Nadine Jennings, Darlene Bealmear, and Edie Zehr.

Kathy Melston and her committee sold \$961 worth of raffle tickets for earrings donated by Professional Custom Jewelry Design and Repair of Rockwall. Jan Pearman was the lucky winner.

Walk the Line, an *a Capella* group from Rockwall High School, entertained the audience. Zach's Catering served lunch to over 260. Organizers report the fundraiser netted \$4,223.



*2019 will be full of fun events!*

### ***Painting With a Purpose***

Our first fundraiser of 2019 will be at Painting With a Twist on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. All proceeds go to Friends of the Rockwall County Library, so come out, bring your friends, and let the creative juices flow!  
Reserve your spot by clicking the button.

[\*\*Reserve a spot\*\*](#)





## ***February Program Luncheon***

Mark your 2019 calendar for the February Program Luncheon on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 11:00 A.M. Both the program and the luncheon will have Latin flair: Aztec dancers, "Grupo Yaoyallohtli (Huichol)" will entertain while we dine on brisket and chicken fajitas or tacos, spicy beans, queso, tortilla chips, and all the toppings. For dessert, we'll have cherry pie! Luncheon is \$20.00 and reservations are due by February 5. Reserve your spot (even if you are not eating lunch) [here](#), or by contacting Leigh Plagens, [cplagens65@aol.com](mailto:cplagens65@aol.com) or 972-771-8976. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid!

## ***Madhatter's Tea***

Our 2nd Annual Madhatter's Tea will be Tuesday, March 26, 2019, with entertainment by the fabulous Brad Ackland. Mark your calendar and get your hats ready!



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## ***Hartman Award Nominations are being accepted NOW!***

The Hartman Award honors Alfred and Grace Hartman and is given annually to a Friends member who has performed over and above the requirements of their position and has promoted the Library and Friends beyond required activities. The recipients of this award have been people who willingly gave of their time for the good of the Library and Friends. Any member in good standing may submit a nomination. Previous Hartman recipients and the current president are not eligible for nomination. Nominations shall be in writing with a brief statement of between 100 and 175 words, giving the reasons why this member deserves to receive the award. Before submitting the nomination, the individual should be contacted by the person submitting the nomination for permission to place their name before

the general membership for a vote. This is also an opportunity to obtain specific information to include in the supporting statement. The nominees and a ballot will be published in the March newsletter. Deadline for nominations: March 1, 2019. Please take time to nominate a deserving member. Send nominations to Jan Pearman, [jan.pearman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jan.pearman@sbcglobal.net) or 214-532-1719.

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## *Friends Yearbook*

Pick up your Yearbook update from the circulation desk if you haven't already!

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